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1. The Ludra Kaserne, Kiesa (N 52/E 81), was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops on 17 January 1950.
2. It was said that a division headquarters, commanded by a genmaior, and a tank training unit were in the kaserne.
3. Most of the troops in the kaserne were recruits. Some elements of the tank unit stationed in the kaserne were allegedly quartered in the vicinity of Zeithain (N 52/E 81) during the mild season. About 100 T34 tanks, coming from Zeithain, allegedly moved into the kaserne during the first days of January 1950 for winter storage.
4. Twenty to twenty-five motor vehicles, including passenger cars were seen on the parking lots in front of the kaserne.

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a. The [redacted] confirms the HQ 9th Tank Div as being in the Ludra Kaserne (also called Alte Pionier Kaserne), Kiesa, up to 17 January 1950. The mentioned genmaior may be Genmaior Garkusha who was last [redacted] as CG of the division in November 1947.

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b. No information is available on the temporary transfer of tank units from Kiesa to Zeithain (for practice?). The Kiesa kaserne had been [redacted] to be occupied to capacity in mid-November 1949, upon completion of the 1949 summer and fall maneuvers.

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